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Candidates for SGA positions battle in pre-election debate

By Latisha Johnson-Wallace
Panther Staff

Oftentimes students do not get the opportunity to express their concerns and ask questions about how the student body is run, and by whom. On Monday, March 28, students were given that opportunity. The Student Government Association held a debate for candidates running for president, vice president and comptroller in the new science building.

Candidates were given the opportunity to present their platforms, as well as answer questions from students. Comptroller candidates Tamia Parker

and Ashley Pearson squared off by answering questions on student needs and how they will better budget SGA's funds.

Parker said, "As far as being comptroller, if budgeting money is an issue, seminars can be held to aid students," when asked how she would be of help to any student seeking better budgeting skills. Vice presidential candidates LaQuincy Arnold and Courtney Smith presented platforms to how they would serve the student body as vice president. When asked about student relationships with SGA, Smith said, "I would like to inform students about SGA, have an open house to let all students

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Bryan Waters speaks to candidates at the presidential/ vice-presidential debates on Monday night in the New Science building while one of his opponents, Terrance Livingston, looks on.

Photo by Marques Allen

Art exhibit for Women's History Month to open Thursday

By DeTorsha Brunson
Panther Staff

The opening of the art exhibition, "Strong Enough for a Woman," will be held March 31 on the fourth floor art gallery of the John B. Coleman Library.

"This event is in celebration of Women's History Month and it highlights a lot of different

ideas and subject matter. The common thread throughout all of the art in this exhibit is that it is done by women of color, Black and Latino female artists," said Lauren Kelly, the event's curator. "I wanted to put up an art exhibit to represent the differences of women and show all that we are. It is not designed to bash men, but to showcase our many strengths and complexities."

Some artists whose

work will be displayed at the opening are Ann Johnson, Maya Watson, Tina Hernandez, and Edie Rojas.

There will be a lunch reception Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Coleman Library for the exhibit.

The exhibit will run from March 31 until April 3 and will be opened daily from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.



(Left) "Oil Sheen Chronicles" by Lauren Kelley is one of the paintings on display for the "Strong Enough for a Woman" exhibit in the Coleman Library.

Photo by Otis Clayborne II

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GTC brings the drama

By Jemma D. Hepburn
Panther Staff

On Tuesday, March 22, the talented actors of the Gestic Theatre Company put on a moving dramatic dialogue session for in the MSC ballroom.

GTC's performance consisted of a series of skits with a college setting and open discussions between the host and the audience after each skit. But these skits did not have the average boy-meets-girl girl-like-boy plot.

The short plays touched on some hot topics that college students could relate to and probably had experienced at one point in their college careers.

Issues dramatized were homosexuality, sex, infidelity in relationships, and discussing what it means to be black in America.

Topics with so many different viewpoints guaranteed

an ongoing banter between opinionated audience members and the characters during the open discussions.

What was very impressive, though, was how the actors stayed in character after they had finished their skits during the open discussions; even getting angry and offended when certain members of the audience made insulting comments toward their character. The audience almost became a part of the actual performance.

In some ways, it was a rude awakening for the narrow-minded. Bringing such delicate topics to the forefront served to enlighten and demystify the audience (society) of the so-called taboos and "hush-hushes" of the world in which we live.

Exiting the show, one student exclaimed, "Everyone in PV needs to see that."

PV loses one of its own

Panther News Service

Ishmael J. Choice was a 22-year-old student at PVAMU. Originally, from Los Angeles, Calif., Ishmael began his college career in the fall of 2000.

He majored in business management, and was a member of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity Inc., Sigma Pi chapter.

Friends and family

described Ishmael as a hard-working student, a great friend and a loyal member of his organizations. Ishmael touched many people in his few days, and for that he will be remembered.

On March 24, Ishmael died when he suffered a seizure as a result of epilepsy.

Wake services will take place on Friday April 1, in Inglewood, Calif., funeral services on Saturday April 2, in Carson, Calif.

Top honors students feted



Photo By Evan White

Students mingle and enjoy snacks and beverages during the honors convocation reception.

By Latisha Johnson-Wallace
Panther Staff

Students holding a GPA of 3.5 to 4.0, on the university's honor roll, were treated to a reception honoring their academic achievements on Monday in the MSC ballroom.

The reception was hosted by the College of Arts

and Sciences. Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, provost and senior vice president for academic and student affairs, told students, "You are the best and the brightest, keep up the good work." Endira Hawkins, asophomore communications major, said, "I feel that it is an honor, this is my second year and this year is extra special because I'm on program."

Around 1,088 students were recognized for the fall 2004 and spring 2004 semesters.

Dr. Danny Kelly, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a PV alumnus, encouraged all in attendance to continue their great work in academics.

Sophomore Timothy Hypolite Jr., said, "I believe that God is number one and it shows through my grades."

PV students gear up for Honda Campus All-Star Challenge

Press Release

Students from 64 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are gearing up to flex their brain power at the 16th annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC), March 31 through April 4, 2005, in Orlando, Fla.

More than 300 students will put their knowledge to the test as they volley questions on

world history, science, literature, religion, the arts, social sciences, popular culture and Black history and culture – in pursuit of the National Academic Championship title and \$50,000 grant.

This year, the Prairie View A&M University Varsity Team is comprised of team captain, Neethies Lindley, senior mechanical engineering major from Dallas, Texas; Candace Davis, senior biology major from Missouri City, Texas; Kelly

Porter, junior sociology major from Ft. Worth, Texas; Andrea Powers, junior marketing and Spanish major from Morrow, Georgia; and Carlton Singleton, biology and political science major from Victoria, Texas. They are coached by Herbert Thomas of the Office of Career Services.

The Honda All-Star Challenge was established by American Honda Co., Inc. in 1989.

PV Weather

March 30-April 6

Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 83° Low: 64°	Friday Mostly Sunny High: 71° Low: 43°	Monday Thunderstorms High: 78° Low: 59°
Thursday Thunderstorms High: 78° Low: 50°	Saturday Sunny High: 73° Low: 49°	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 78° Low: 57°

PV alumnus researches effect diabetes has on the heart

By Matthew Jackson
Panther Staff

In the struggle to find a cure for a dreadful disease, one med student who is studying the unknown effects of the disease got his start here at Prairie View.

Nathan Lott graduated from Prairie View in May of 2002 with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry.

He is now attending medical school at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. While many of us spent last summer on vacation, Lott was hard at work conducting research on one of our nation's most deadly diseases.

"The research that I did was based on one of the more prevalent diseases in America today, diabetes." Diabetes affects people by affecting the blood vessels, which can lead to heart problems.

And that's why one of the leading causes of morbidity is death with diabetes, or some kind of vascular disease," says Lott. Lott spent countless weeks during his summer break, studying diabetes in order to gain a better understanding about how the disease affects the heart.

He conducted his research by studying mouse hearts' reaction to nitric oxide and endothelin-1, which are two chemicals that are found naturally in their hearts.

The results showed that in healthy mice, coronary arteries pro-

duced large amounts of nitric oxide which causes the smooth muscles of their blood vessels to relax.

However, in obese diabetic mice, Lott discovered that the blood vessels produced less nitric oxide and were more likely to have enhanced vessel constriction.

A lot though he is very pleased with his findings, Lott regrets that he won't be able to continue his research anytime soon.

"Unfortunately, I've got a lot of course work to do before I begin my work at the hospital. So I won't be able to continue my research this year, but I do hope to pick it up again once I'm in my third or fourth year. I find the research to be pretty interesting," says Lott, who credits his education at Prairie View for much of his current success in medical school.

"I believe that Prairie View has prepared me well. I went to the school and I feel very confident in the knowledge that I gained there. I've been complimented, time and again, on the level of preparedness that I've exhibited since I've been here," says Lott.

Even with his current success in medical school, Lott still has the highest of aspirations for the future.

"I plan on being a cardiologist, preferably an interventional cardiologist, because I like working with people," he said, "and I get much pleasure in ensuring that their hearts last as long as they can."

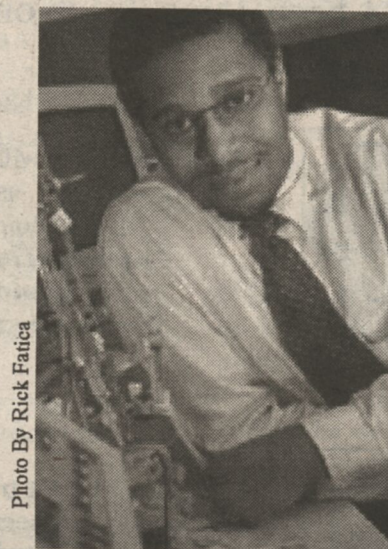


Photo By Rick Fatima
Medical student Nathan Lott poses next to the instrument he used to measure nitric oxide levels in diabetic mice hearts.

Morgan State grilled on money management

By Jessica Harris
Black College Wire

Morgan State University President Earl S. Richardson, responding to questions about an audit that showed that the university did not properly account for nearly \$16.8 million, has assured legislators that the university's "operational environment" has improved.

Meanwhile, Richardson said that with full-time enrollment and space for facilities on campus set to increase by 10 percent, the fiscal 2006 budget, while the first large increase for Morgan since 2002, is still not enough to cover the needs of the university.

"This means that the university will be educating 600 more students and maintaining over 140,000 additional square feet of space with \$700,000 less in state operating support," Richardson said in his March 3 testimony.

Richardson was questioned about a November audit by the Maryland Department of Legislative Services that said that poor documentation and inadequate accounting practices and money monitoring, Morgan did not properly account for nearly \$16.8 million from March 2001 to October 2003.

In a letter to the General Assembly's Audit Committee, Legislative Auditor Bruce A. Myers said, "We also noted internal control or record keeping

deficiencies relating to student financial aid, collections, student accounts receivable, computer security and equipment."

The university was given a chance to respond to the 14 findings of mismanagement.

"With a few exceptions, most of the audit issues were the result of an outdated data network and software system that required an enormous financial investment to upgrade," Richardson said.

In the previous audit, which took place on May 24, 2002, the university was cited on eight items. Five were repeated in the latest audit.

"The university recognizes and respects the value of the legislative audit function. It is very confident that the Legislative Auditors will find a much improved and responsive operational environment upon their return for the next compliance audit," Richardson said.

Richardson was also asked why the number of instructors decreased in 2005, while the personnel in other categories had increased.

The president said that in trying to contain costs as enrollment increases, the university had to hold some positions open.

The proposed budget for fiscal 2006 is \$51.3 million. It includes a \$1.6 million increase from last year for salaries and \$700,000 for maintenance of

facilities.

Though the budget has risen, the state did not leave any money for the growth that is to take place at the university, Richardson said.

He complained of not having the resources to hire an adequate full-time faculty or to purchase up-to-date equipment to educate the increasing number of students.

To cover the expenses that the state will not, Morgan has set out to raise money through private fund raising. "We are in the middle of a five-year capital campaign with a goal to raise \$25 million," Richardson said. "We have achieved that goal and are now in the planning stage to increase the goal and formulate a strategy for [fund] raising."

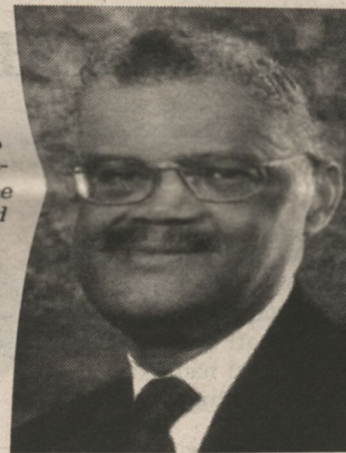


Photo Credit: Morgan State U
Earl S. Richardson

Congratulations to the Brothers of
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Delta Theta Chapter

For receiving the following awards at their 31st annual Gulf Coast Regional Conference:

Collegiate with the highest GPA- James Buckner
Collegiate Chapter with Highest GPA
Largest Collegiate Chapter
Advisor of the Year- Charles Crockett
2nd Place- Chapter Display
3rd Place- Chapter Report
2005 Gulf Coast Regional Step Champions
(The step team will represent the Gulf Coast region at the National Conference in L.A.)

Newly Elected Regional Officers:
Lamon Lawhorn- 2nd Vice-Regional Director
Jermaine V. Jackson- Regional Director of Education



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Student suggests that SGA take a "second look" at its role on campus, student affairs

The SGA is supposed to serve as a bridge between the school administration and the student body here at Prairie View A&M University. And as a student government association, it is the representatives' duties to represent the student body, to ensure that as students at this university our voices are heard.

However, at the SGA "debates" held Monday evening in the New Science building, the candidates didn't effectively convey the concerns of student progression. Some of the can-

didates didn't seem prepared or qualified to take on the task of their desired positions. And while a select few of the candidates appeared genuinely driven by their passion for the people, the majority seemed driven by a passion for popularity and a vote. Those candidates apparently answered questions according to what students wanted to hear rather than clear-cut, honest answers.

As a freshman here at the university, I was disappointed; not only with the debate but

also with the organization as a whole. It has only been two weeks that I have been informed about the SGA here at Prairie View; the attendance for the SGA election debate is a result of the students' lack of knowledge about the organization. If these are the types of students that represent our student body, maybe you should take a second look.

Brittanie L. Dawson

Hilliard Hall loses beloved friend

Hilliard hall lost an old buddy this past week. "KP" (from the initials KPVU-FM) was a stray cat, which had been adopted by the staff of the campus radio station. Staff and faculty in Hilliard had fed and petted her for a number of years.

Sadly, she accidentally drank some-



KP- the KPVU mascot.

thing caustic from a nearby construction site and the veterinarian felt that her condition was hopeless. She had to be put to sleep this past Thursday. All of us in Hilliard will miss our feline friend.

Charles Wukasz
Asst. Professor
English

Purple & Gold Poll

Has SGA been doing its job on campus?



"Yes, the results will have to take time in order for us to see how they're doing."
Candace Thomas
Sophomore
Communications



"Yes, they at least try to do their job because they seem concerned about the students."

Daniel Launza
Senior
Communications



"The tuition is increasing, there isn't enough activities on campus- they are half-stepping."
Chantel Pridgon
Senior
Criminal Justice

By Katie Morrisette

Handwritings On The Wall

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Romans 12:2

What's your motto to live by?

Email your "Handwriting on the Wall" to panther@pvamu.edu

F.A.S. spotlight



Dr. James Jones

Position: Assistant Professor of History

Spouse/Children: Yes; 1 son

Favorite Book: *A People's History of the U.S.*

Favorite Color: Red, black, and green

Cannot live without: God and wife

Advice for freshmen: Males- read *Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Alex Haley; Females- *Assata* by Assata Shakur

Advice for seniors: Go forward in love and believe in yourself.

Who you admire most: Apostle Paul and my mother.



S.G.A. Speaks Out

The presidential/ vice-presidential debate held on Monday was a great success. We appreciate all who came to hear the candidates express themselves.

Please do not forget that elections will be held Tuesday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the computer lab (library) and the first floor of the MSC.

Remember that voting for the PV Choice Awards nominees will be held April 6 and 7 in the MSC. The PV Choice Awards will take place April 25, in the MSC.

SGA debates become comical; students should take Prairie View more seriously

By The Editorial Board
The Panther

The SGA debates seemed more like a comedy show than a battle of the brains. The candidates and students should take themselves and Prairie View more seriously.

On Monday night, the SGA presidential/ vice-presidential debates were held, letting the prospective candidates voice their views and answer questions concerning the administration, staff, and student body of Prairie View.

What was supposed to be an intellectual, enlight-

ening evening of discussion looked more like a re-run of BET's Comic View. A few of the candidates had an air of arrogance about them and couldn't seem to finish a complete sentence due to laughter. What was humorous about the situation? Was it because they were making false promises to students? Or because they already think they have this election in the can? If that's the case they need to re-evaluate their purpose for running.

Are they running for popularity or to really work for the students? Or will having the title of "president/ vice president of SGA" boost the

quality of their resumes?

We have come to the conclusion that some areas of SGA resemble our current national government. There are students who hold positions and don't know what

form of no talent, leadership, and merit.

We can't only reprimand SGA. There were some students there who were truly concerned about our "Dear Prairie View," while others were there to "kick it" with their crews. Instead of listening to the debate, many were text messaging on their cell phones or whispering and giggling with their friends.

We know that everyone is an adult on this campus. How about acting like one? Oh, but we forgot, some of them think this is still elementary school.

Prairie View students need to be aware of the re-

sponsibility that needs to be placed on SGA, and to get what they want out of their representatives. If students continue to lack interest in the candidates, there will be no room for complaints when those elected into office don't provide adequate change.

To be honest, there are only three qualified people who are currently running for positions in SGA. We can't tell students whom to vote for, but hopefully, if voters put their personal agendas and games aside, they will think for themselves and choose those who will best represent the student body.

Alumna wants students to protest possible tuition increase

Has your staff heard about the possible increase of tuition at A&M University System schools such as PV recently.

I just read an article in the Houston Chronicle (March 25, City and State, B5) that claimed that the A&M regents have approved this action, which may lead to PV receiving the highest tuition rate of all the university system schools--a action that could have students pay an additional \$61.50 for each semester credit hour.

Although the article stated that PV officials outlined

the reasons behind this possible tuition rate, I challenge PV students to become informed about the changes and actions being taken on their behalf.

It is not until you make your voice heard and share your opinions on such issues that directly affect you that positive changes and improvements can be made for a quality and affordable education received by all students.

Tamela McGregor
2004 PV graduate

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know they are members of SGA, and we will branch out to get everyone involved."

Arnold said "having different programs to attract students, and see what the students want," would be one of his biggest goals for SGA. Presidential candidates spoke to students on the different issues they would like to tackle if elected to office, such as housing, parking, and overall student morale. Oludayo Olusanya said he wants students to "develop a positive attitude," because with this attitude, PV can make the right step to the right direction.

Terrance Livingston said, "Making sure that students' needs were being met, working with students, bringing them to the panel, and letting them decide the changes on campus is what is SGA is here for, to lobby for the students."

"I want to work as a liaison between students and administration, and to be an accurate voice for the students," said presidential hopeful Lashawn Chambers.

Bryan Waters said, "The job of the provost is to ensure quality education, and as a representative I will make sure the administration has the well-being of the student body at hand."

The atmosphere of the debate ranged from serious to laid-back at times. Students were allowed to ask any question they deemed important, but all ques-

tions were screened before being asked aloud to the candidates.

James Durant, a former career service senator, said, "I feel that the candidates were doing their part to answer all questions, however it is up to us to determine whom we vote for. Hopefully each candidate will represent the university and students once elected."

Freshman Brittany Dawson had this to say about the whole debate: "First of all I am truly disappointed in the poor attendance for the debate. As a freshman knowing that we have at least 8,000 students enrolled at the university, it was a letdown to know that we only have 100 concerned students."

A few students present seemed to have thought the debate was a comical show, while others attended to gain facts, and to grill their possible SGA administration for the next year.

Dawson continues, "Any SGA representative should be responsible. It seems to me that they just want the title, so if the organization and student body continue to deteriorate I'll blame the students due to their lack of concern."

Students will have the opportunity to vote for their selected candidates on Tuesday, April 5, in the MSC and library. For more information or to get in contact with the candidates visit the SGA office in room 223 in the MSC.

"Hit me again!"



Photo by Marques Allen

Students mingle and play blackjack at "Casino Night" hosted by the Department of Student Activities and Leadership on Tuesday evening.



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
HONORS STUDENTS!!



You must have had a grade of 'C' (OR 'S') or better in your developmental class(es) at mid-terms to be able to pre-register for summer or fall 2005. Developmental Classes in the 200 level are NOT the final class in the sequence for most students. Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick TASP/THEA testing schedule or call 936/857-2747.

Congratulations to UC's Mid-Term Academic Stars:

Patrick Carpenter, Jermonte Henderson, Brett Ivey, Kenneth Parker, Jr., Terry Kommany, Brandon Patterson, Perry, Richardson, Kamarion Sowell, Jamall Willis, Clarence Wynn, Averya Allen, Danielle Bean, Kaylan Colbert, Cherelle Conley, Tawanna Evans, Rebekah Fontenot, Brittany Geegan, Erica Gordon, Jemma Hepburn, LaRonica Hickman, Leslie Lewis, Austee Matthews, Shawana Maurice, Ashley Moore, Gabriella Murray, Tyressia Nowlin, Sheneria Perry, Latarsha Range, Demeeka Rogers, Alcheri Stinson, Monique Williams, Raeksha Yarbrough. Watch this space for more Stars!!

UC Freshmen: See your PA about pre-registration ASAP!!
BLDG #41 Placed 3rd in the "Dorm Step-Off!!" Your hard work paid off!
BLDG #48 will hold a "Sistah to Sistah" session April 6th.
BLDG #45 is continuing its math/Spanish tutoring; "Biggest Loser" Weight Loss Program and Life Swap, "LCM for A Day" project.
BLDG #43's Faculty Fellow, Dr. Shawanda Anderson conducted a "Study Skills Seminar" March 23rd.



Top: Pole vaulter Brandon Havard clears the cross bar during the field events. He came in 3rd place behind Sidney Thompson who placed 2nd.

Upper right (1): Karlon Jackson passes by an opposing runner to move up a place.
Right (2): A Panther sprinter jumps out of the blocks to get a strong start.



Men's track team dominates relays

By Steven Kennedy
Panther Staff

As the sun continued to beam down on the Prairie View A&M students and fans, the turnout at Blackshear's stadium didn't seem to decline as the 78th annual Prairie View Relays got underway last Friday.

The Prairie View A&M men's track team, which had a series of stunning performances at the Texas Southern Relays, on March 18 and 19, picked up exactly where they left off, showing off for the home crowd.

Prairie View A&M won the men's 4x100 meter relay with a blazing time of 39.86 seconds, with the team of Chris Taylor, Benjamin Boyd, Ethan Prince, and Jack Owens. The time of 39.86 is only 0.46 seconds off the school record of 39.40, that was run by Timothy Cherry, Larry Hamilton, Lewis Turner, and Lewis Edmonson of Prairie View A&M in the 4x100 at the NCAA Track and Field Outdoor Championships in 2001 where the Panthers

finished in fourth place.

The Panthers bettered their time of 40.94 at the Texas Southern Relays in the 4x100 meter relay by a whole second running 39.86. Increasing a 4x100 meter relay time by a whole second in just one week is a major step for the Prairie View A&M men's sprint relay. Right now they are arguably the favorites to win the relay at the SWAC Track and Field Championships.

The Panthers continued their domination of the relays by placing second in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:25.48. The Panthers were edged out by Southern University with a time of 1:24.34. Prairie View A&M won the point total for the relays on the men's side scoring 38 points.

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Left: Sprinter Jack Owens was part of the first place 4x100 relay team. Middle top: High school runners also participated in the Prairie View Relays. Middle bottom: Runners are neck and neck in the 110-meter hurdles. Left top: A pole vaulter just barely clears the cross bar during the field events. Left bottom: A woman sprinter holds on to the baton as she participates in the 4x200 relay.

Photos by Evan White

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The Panthers also placed 3rd in the 4x800 meter relay with a time of 7:54.31. Alex Sidney of Prairie View won the 400-meter dash with a time of 47.92. Sidney made a huge improvement from his 6th place finish of 49.12, at the Texas Southern Relays last week. In the 400-meter hurdles Jimmie Ware captured second place for the Panthers with a time of 54.13, followed by teammate Darian Epting who finished in 3rd place with a time of 55.15. In the 110-meter hurdles Epting completed his hurdle double by capturing 4th place with a time 14.98, followed by teammates Jason Mitchell in 5th (15.28), Connie Taylor in 7th (15.34), and Michael Ondieki in 8th (16.03). Broderick Gartica won the discus throw for the Panthers with a distance of 160-1 1/4 feet.

Also capturing first place for Prairie View A&M was Derrick Sneed who won the long jump with a distance of 21 feet 6 inches. The Panthers completed the relays by taking 2nd place in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of (3:12.23).

Panthers split doubleheader

Panther News Service

The Prairie View A&M University Panther baseball team captured their second consecutive conference series with a doubleheader split over Southern University on Saturday afternoon at the William Nicks Intramural & Athletic Complex.

In game one, Southern took advantage of seven errors by the Panther defense to win 6-3. Southern opened the game with a run in the first inning, but the Panthers tied the game in the bottom frame with an RBI from freshman Marcus Crockett. Prairie View took a 2-1 lead in the fifth with a solo home run by catcher Brian McGinty but the Jaguars secured control of the game with a five-run sixth inning that was fueled by four errors from the Panther defense. Panther starter Matt Chase (5-2) was credited with the loss despite a five-strikeout, complete game performance.

The Panthers rebounded from game one and closed out the series with a 4-3 win. Prairie View broke open a scoreless tie in the bottom of the third on a two-out, RBI single from second baseman Paul Johnson. The Panthers upped their lead to 3-0 in the fourth with two runs off of a Southern error and went up 4-0 in the fifth when third baseman Brian Gonzalez knocked in Johnson on a sacrifice fly. Southern cut PV's lead to 4-3 in the sixth, but freshman Fernando Almaguer came in and shut the Southern offense down for 1.1 innings to record his second save of the season. Freshman Terry Salter upped his record to 5-2 with the win while Joshua Kirk earned the loss for Southern.

Prairie View moves to 20-17 overall and 7-5 in Southwestern Athletic Conference play. The Panthers return to action on Friday, April 1 to face archrival Texas Southern at noon in Houston.

Atkins steps down as basketball head coach

Panther News Service

Robert Atkins, head women's basketball coach at Prairie View A&M University, has announced his plans to step down from his position effective May 31, 2005.

"Prairie View has been good to me over the years. I've had some great experiences and some good times during my tenure," said Atkins. "What's been most rewarding is to see players graduate and move on to be good citizens in their communities and productive people in their chosen fields."

Atkins, who's ending a 20-year tenure as the school's head women's basketball coach, compiled a 138-423 record.

Under his direction, the women's basketball program graduated 100 percent of its student-athletes who enrolled in the fall of

1997 according to the NCAA graduation rates released in the fall of 2004. His program was one of eight teams in the state of Texas to do so.

The highlight of Atkins' tenure was in 1999-2000 when the Lady Panthers advanced to the SWAC tournament semi-finals for the first time in school history.

His best season was 2000-01, when the Lady Panthers finished 13-15 overall, 10-8 in conference play.

According to Prairie View athletics director Charles McClelland, a national search to fill the position will begin immediately.

Atkins will handle day-to-day women's basketball duties until a new head coach is named and will remain in the Department of Athletics in an administrative position.

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Former Panther football star shines in arena league

By Palmer Perez
Panther Staff

Bobby Perry is another example of Prairie View A&M "producing productive people." Perry, a 2001 graduate and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., was a star player for the PVAMU football team. Following his senior season, Perry was named a Black College All American, Division I-2nd team All American, SWAC Defensive Player of the Year, 1st Team All-SWAC, and team Most Valuable Player.

Playing as a safety, Perry tallied 78 tackles and six interceptions, including one for

a touchdown.

Currently, Perry is a defensive specialist for the Dallas Desperados of the Arena Football League. Helping Perry succeed in life stems from the time he spent at Prairie View A&M.

"The whole college thing was something I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. Going to Prairie View was fun. Prairie View had its bad days and

its good days, but the good definitely outweighed the bad. The biggest lesson I learned while in college is that you've got to do a lot of things on your own; there is not a lot of help sometimes and you just

have to take the initiative," said Perry.

As a member of the Panther football team, Perry finished with 173 tackles, 27 pass break-ups, and six interceptions. When asked about his former teammate, Johnnie Powell said "He has a coach's mind, and knows how to read defenses well. It just seemed like he was always in the right place at the right time."

After being named the SWAC's top defensive player, Perry wanted to further his football career upon graduation.

"After my senior year I had a few tryouts with a couple of NFL teams, but no one signed me and I ended up in the Canadian Football League in 2002 playing for the Saskatchewan Roughriders for a season and a half. I continued to work hard and try and get better. Things didn't go so well with the Roughriders so I enrolled in grad school to work on furthering my degree. While in grad school, I got a call from the Dallas Desperados to come and try out, so I did and they liked what they saw," said

Perry.

Throughout high school at Carol City in Miami, Florida and at Prairie View A&M University one thing was constant for Bobby Perry, the presence of friend Deontay Wilson. Perry and Wilson have been reunited with the Desperados after spending high school and college playing together.

"It's a blessing to be with someone that you have known from high school and college. It helps when the days get tough to have a good friend around, the days go by a lot smoother," said Perry.

Athletes that play football at a small school have the misconception that they will not be noticed by scouts, but Perry thinks otherwise.

"Keep working as hard as you can. You will get discovered if you keep applying yourself and being the best you can be. It may not be today or tomorrow, but keep your head on right. Set goals and if you believe in them you will reach them."

Buildings 38 and 36 remain undefeated

By Rashad H. Morgan
Sports Editor

Two University College Basketball Association men's teams played Monday in the New Gym.

The residents of Building 38 defeated the Free Agents in game one, 40-27. Building 38, who has remained undefeated throughout the UCBA's inaugural season, fell behind by three points, 16-19, after the first half. The Free Agents were able to distribute the ball and give themselves a better look at the basket. They had seven players score during the half. Building 38 failed to hit free throws, which reflected

on their score. Aston Wilson led all scorers with seven points at the half way mark.

The Free Agents let the game slip away in the second half, and managed to score only eight points. Building 38's Jimail Price scored a game high 12 points, and earned MVP honors.

Another undefeated team, Building 36 defeated a winless Building 37 men's.

Building 36 outscored 37 by 22 points in the first half, 33-11. They managed to score only six points in the second half before the game was put to an end, due to a minor confrontation.

Box Scores

Baseball Saturday's Results

Game 1
Prairie View 3
Southern 6

Game 2
Prairie View 4
Southern 3

Softball Friday's Results

Game 1
Prairie View 2
Houston Baptist 3

Game 2
Prairie View 0
Houston Baptist 2

Upcoming Games:

Baseball
Friday
vs. Texas Southern @ 3 p.m.
vs. Texas Southern @ 1 p.m.

Softball
Thursday
vs. Texas College

Saturday
vs. Grambling State @ 1 p.m.

Sunday
vs. Grambling State @ 11 a.m.

Track & Field
Friday and Saturday
Rice Bayou Classic

April 6th-9th
Texas Relays

UCBA

Monday's Results

Building 38-40
Free Agents- 27

Building 36-39
Building 37- 21

MVP- Jimail Price



Photos courtesy of www.Dallasdesperados.com

Perry recently received the U.S. Army Ironman of the game award, for his interception and touchdown on special teams against the New Orleans VooDoo.

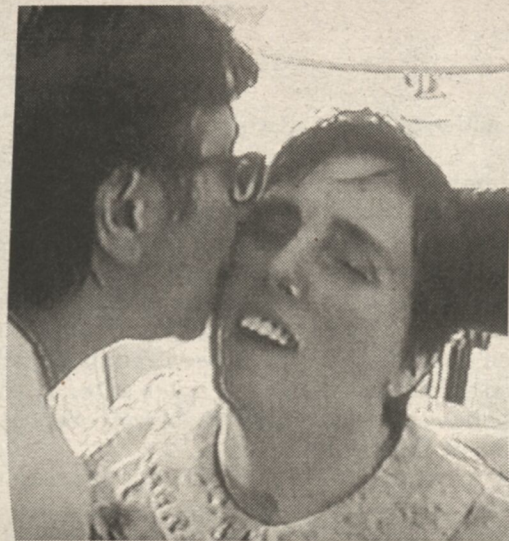
Terri Schiavo receives the sacraments on an emotional Easter

By Mark Long
Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. (AP) Terri Schiavo has given last rites and Easter communion a drop of wine, but no bread — as protesters hoping to get the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube reinserted pledged to take their fight to the president.

Neither Schiavo's parents nor her husband offered new, specific details on her condition, but one of the two priests who visited her hospital room said the brain-damaged woman's "death is imminent" — a devastating proclamation for those who spent Easter Sunday praying for a woman they never knew.

Schiavo's mother, Mary Schindler, did not visit her daughter on Easter, emotions keeping her from the hospice for the first time since Terri's feeding tube was pulled 10 days ago, said Paul O'Donnell, a Roman Catholic Franciscan monk



and a family spokesman. "If she goes in there again, we might have to take her to the hos-

pital," O'Donnell said. But the woman's parents claimed one Easter victory: Terri received communion wine after her husband allowed her to receive the sacrament.

As her brother, sister and brother-in-law looked on, the Rev. Thaddeus Malanowski held Terri's right hand as he and hospice priest Rev. Jo-

would be able to recover."

"In the family's opinion, that is absolutely not true," spokesman Randall Terry said outside the hospice.

The Schindler family, also bothered by repeated arrests and heightened anger outside the hospice, pleaded with supporters to spend Easter with their families. They had little success; five people were arrested and chants of "Give Terri water!" echoed for much of the day.

Fewer than 10 protesters stayed overnight

the mind of many churchgoers, but some leaders skipped mention of it in Easter services.

At St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Clearwater, Father Ted Costello avoided mentioning the Schiavo case. Yet at Faith Lutheran Church in Dunedin, the Rev. Peter Kolb thought Schiavo's story was appropriate for his sermon. "One day, we're all going to go through the valley," he told churchgoers.

Extra police officers blocked the road in front of

Schiavo's hospice. Pinellas County school officials said the elementary school next to the hospice would not open Monday. The 600 students were to be sent elsewhere.

And some protesters continued demanding



photos courtesy AP

seph Braun placed the droplet on her tongue. Malanowski also anointed her with holy oil, offered a blessing and absolved her of sin.

"She received the blood of Christ," said Malanowski, adding he could not give her a fleck of communion bread because her tongue was too dry.

By previous court order, Terri Schiavo was allowed to receive communion once more with the consent of her husband and guardian, Michael Schiavo, who has fought her parents for years about whether the woman would want to live or die. Terri received both sacraments on March 18, just before the tube was pulled.

Tensions were noticeably heightened both among the protesters and, apparently, among the closest confidants to the woman's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler. David Gibbs III, their lead lawyer, told CBS' "Face the Nation" that Schiavo has "passed where physically she

Monday in the rain and wind. One man was arrested before dawn trying to bring a jug of water to Schiavo.

Doctors have said Terri Schiavo, 41, would probably die within a week or two once the feeding tube — which kept her alive for 15 years — was disconnected. She relied on the tube since suffering catastrophic brain damage when her heart stopped beating and oxygen was cut off to her brain.

At Michael Schiavo's Clearwater home, protesters dropped roses and Easter lilies on his lawn — a peaceful protest interrupted when sprinklers came on suddenly.

His fiancée's brother picked up the flowers and handed them to a bystander to take away. John Centonze declined to answer questions, only saying that Michael Schiavo was "very upset."

The saga was on

Gov. Jeb Bush intervene, but Bush told CNN he cannot ignore numerous state and federal court rulings against intervention. "I don't have powers... that would allow me to intervene after a decision has been made," he said.

Gibbs told CBS he believed Bush has done all he could. "Gov. Bush has been a real friend," he said.

Schiavo's parents dispute that their daughter is in a persistent vegetative state as court-ordered doctors have determined. Michael Schiavo contends his wife told him she would not want to be kept alive artificially.

At least two more appeals are pending by the state and Bush, but those challenges are before the state 2nd District Court of Appeal, which has rebuffed the governor's previous efforts in the case.

Lifestyles/Health

San Diego mother sues cereal makers for low-sugar claims

By Michelle Morgante
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A lawsuit by a San Diego mother claims that lower-sugar versions of Cocoa Puffs and Froot Loops may seem healthier, but they're really a bunch of Trix. Jennifer Hardee has sued three big cereal companies, accusing them of misleading advertising through prominent "low sugar" packaging. She was surprised to learn from an Associated Press story last week that the new cereals have no significant nutritional advantage to regular versions of the popular kids' breakfast cereals.

Hardee, a Navy wife and homemaker with two young daughters who eat cereal, is suing Kraft Foods Inc., which makes Post cereals, General Mills Inc., and Kellogg Co., saying they intentionally misrepresent their products.

General Mills "never made specific health claims" for its reduced sugar cereals, said spokeswoman Marybeth Thorsgaard.

"Consumers wanted less sugar, so we gave them less sugar," she said. "Our packaging is clearly labeled with

nutritional information that complies" with government regulations.

Post spokeswoman Abbe Serphos said the lower-sugar version of Fruity Pebbles was "part of the evolution of the product."

"There are some consumers who prefer an option with reduced sugar. And we're looking to see if there are ways to add additional nutrients like whole grain and fiber in the future," she said. "It's a process that takes time."

Kellogg declined to comment.

Howard Rubinstein of Miami, one of the lawyers representing Hardee, said the companies have intentionally misled con-



sumers by displaying low-sugar labels prominently on the packages. Consumers don't always understand the details

in nutritional labels, he said.

"A lot of people, quite frankly, don't have the educational ability to make those decisions. They rely on the one-line ad," he said Monday. "It is that kind of an ad that adds a lot of ambiguity, and it shouldn't."

Hardee was on vacation with her family Monday and was not available for comment, her lawyers said.

Hardee's lawsuit, filed last week in San Diego County Superior Court, seeks to force the companies to surrender profits from low-sugar cereals and to stop them from marketing the products as nutritionally superior.

The suit seeks class-action status on behalf of all Cali-

fornia consumers who bought the new cereals believing they were healthier, said attorney Harold M. Hewell of San Diego.

Hewell said Hardee heard a broadcast report of the AP story last week that found there was no real advantage from the lower-sugar cereals. The AP had asked nutrition experts at five universities to review the new reduced-sugar cereals to see how they stacked up with the regular versions.

The nutrition scientists found both the old and new cereals had the same amount of calories, carbohydrates, fat, fiber and other nutrients. The AP story reported that manufacturers replaced the sugar with other refined carbohydrates to preserve the crunch.

The cereals examined were Kellogg's Frosted Flakes and Froot Loops; General Mills' Cocoa Puffs, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, and Trix; and Post's Fruity Pebbles. Only one, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, had fewer calories than the full-sugar version — 120 calories compared to 130 per three-fourths cup serving.

Hewell said Hardee "was extremely upset" to find that most of the reduced-sugar cereals had the same calories as the regular versions.

Social Security not so secure

By Jamaur Barnes
Panther Staff

In the past few months there have been possible talks of the cutting or abolition of Social Security funds within the next 20 years. Recently vice president Dick Cheney visited La Roche College as a part of the government's Social Security reform sales tour. Cheney and his colleagues said that the pyramid scheme that many have come to rely on after retirement is begging to lose momentum, and that this so called "trust fund" is in jeopardy of being cut within the next 20 years. This is due in part to spending cuts, more

borrowing, and higher taxes he claimed. It has been said that there is a 1.5 trillion dollar net of Social Security that many are drawing on, and by the year 2041 the bottom will have completely fallen out of the net that many had hoped to catch after retirement. Many fear not only for themselves, but also for the children they are now raising, and their future care.

"I do not think that it is fair that I, as well as my children, have paid numerous years into social security, and by the time that my family gets ready to retire there won't be anything left to draw off of. I think that the government is spending too much money abroad, and not enough money on the home front, where it really matters," said computer science graduate advisor Anne Robinson.

Some who have recently entered the working class are very upset on the matter of Social Security, and do not deem it fair that such funds might not be available in the future. Undergraduate advisor Shaunta Gomez said, "If it's not going to be around in the future, then my wages should not be cut now. If I am not going to get what's owed to me later on, then I want what I deserve now!"

This rumor is also sparking the interest of students who are soon to enter the work force and are just starting to learn about financial responsibility. Junior Crystal Newell said, "Honestly, I'm scared for my long term future. It seems that in order to be set for my possible future without Social Security, I have to start saving my money right now. The whole point of

Social Security is to have something for the future, now without it, what is left for us?" Social security is very valuable, and without it in the future, the average person would have to save \$250,000 while working, just to replace the benefits offered over an average retirement life span.

Presently, Social Security stands to be the most reliable form of retiree income therefore many say it should not be taken away. There is a constant correlation between those retiring and those paying into the system. In addition, people are living longer, and the economy has entered a time of fluctuation, and without this safety net the future working class and the economy are bound to face a belly up deficit.

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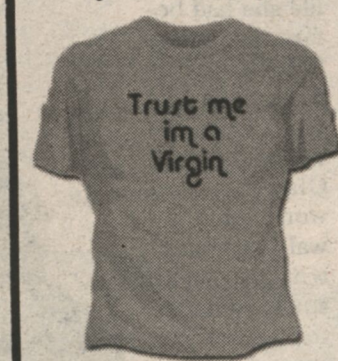
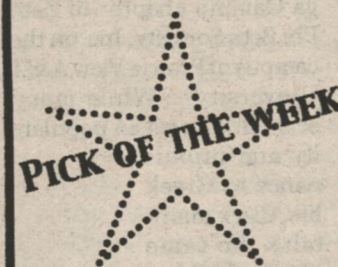


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What is it?
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Where do you
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PV True Life... I'm Greek (Pt. IV)

There are nine active Greek organizations on campus: Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho, and Iota Phi Theta. The Panther would like to inform readers how students can go to class, socialize, be active members of an organization, and hold a job. Therefore, each week the Panther will showcase a member of each of the nine active Greek organizations on campus.

By Nneka Meka
L&H/A&E Editor

The first Greek letter sorority to be constitutionally bound to a fraternity, to charter a chapter in Africa, to centralize its national headquarters, and to form adult and youth auxiliary groups is Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Founded on January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University by five women, known as "the pearls," Zeta was founded on the principles of scholarship, service, sisterly love, and finer womanhood.

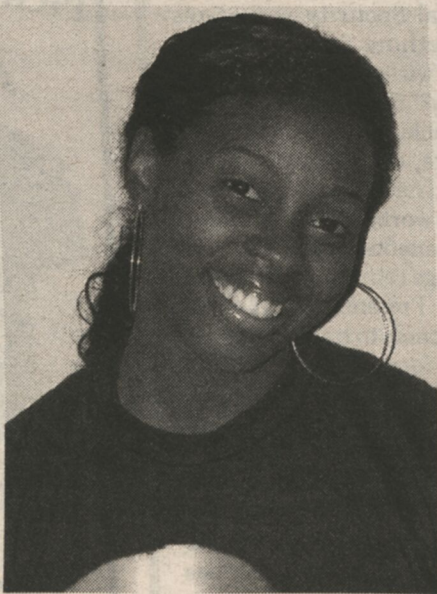
Raquel R. Clark, a 22-year-old native of Houston, Texas, is one of the 40 active "z-kitties" of the Omega Gamma chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. on the campus of Prairie View A&M University. While many accredit a boost in popularity and prominence to Greek life, Clark maintains the same life she had before the letters. "The sorority doesn't make me, I make the sorority," said Clark. "You won't catch me walking around with my nose stuck up, if anything I have just gained a huge family of people who love me."

A huge family" who sometimes, leave this senior

English major trying to find the balance between school and sorority. "I can't even lie. It's hard not to throw the books down and go party with my sorors and frat," said Clark. "I just have to remember that school comes first."

Anyone seeking membership into a sorority or fraternity must research and examine its members, its history, and its reputation. "I wanted to be a Zeta because I saw evidence of scholarship, sisterly love, service, and finer womanhood," said Clark. "I knew I had to be in an organization full of people just like me, and Zetas are known for being down-to-earth and approachable."

Clark said Zeta Phi Beta takes care of business. "I have to make time for all meetings, seminars, and community service we attend," said Clark. "Trust me, its not easy being a kitty."



Raquel Clark, student and member of Zeta Phi Beta.

PV Choice Awards Nomination List

Female Vocalist

Roemia Thompson
Sossity Lewis
Danielle Bush
Brandy Terrell

Male Vocalist

J. Stone
Shawn Thorns
Chris Bonds
Darian Epting

Freestyle

Kerry Howard (KB)
Ryan Brock
Kiana Alfred
Shakela (Ke-Ke) Shields

Organizations

BSM
Alpha Phi Alpha
SGA
CAB

Honor Society

Tri Beta
Alpha Phi Sigma
Phi Beta Lambda
Kappa Delta Pi

Female Administrator

Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
Dr. Doris Price
Lettie Raab
Tressy Wilson

Female Athlete

Jameka Newman
Jamie Young
Previs Price
Benita Hodge

Club

NAACP
African Student Association
Criminal Justice
Texarkana Club

Male Administrator

Dr. George Wright
Sanderson Woods
The Rev. Charles Lewter
Fred Washington

Male Faculty

Prof. C. Lee Turner
Prof. George Edwards
Dr. James Jones
Dr. George Brown

Female Faculty

Dr. Harriette Lee-Block
Dr. Allison Cotton
Dr. Veda Brown
Dr. Clarissa Booker

Freshman

Terrance Cowherd
DeMarcus Bumpers
Lynnette Durant
Sossity Lewis

Sophomore

Aaron Holloway
Corey Dargan
Andrew Walls
LaShawn Chambers

Junior

Quinlan Motley
Bridgette Robinson
Anthony Buggs
David Harris

Senior

Nigel Redmond
Tracie Calloway
Kayla Barnett
Ronetta Cotton

Dean

The Rev. Charles Lewter
Dr. Danny Kelly
Dr. Munir Quddus
Dr. Ikhlās Sabouni

Campus Leader

Tracie Calloway
Nigel Redmond
Orok Orok
Courtney Smith

U.C. Bldgs

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PAN Fraternity

Alpha Phi Alpha
Omega Psi Phi
Kappa Alpha Psi
Phi Beta Sigma

PAN Sorority

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Delta Sigma Theta
Sigma Gamma Rho
Zeta Phi Beta

CSO Fraternity

Kappa Kappa Psi
Phi Mu Alpha
Gamma Phi Delta
Rho Chi Phi
Epsilon Gamma Iota

CSO Sorority

Gamma Sigma Sigma
Tau Beta Sigma
Alpha Lambda Omega
Karnation Kourt Inc.

Fine Arts

Marching Storm
Charles Gilpin Players
University Chorale
Classic Dance Ensemble

Female Staff

Ms. Pat
Lillian Pope
Betty Hall
Denise Simmons

Male Staff

Orok Orok
Adran Tyler
Gitonga M'Mbijewe
Shannon Neal

Best Dressed

Delvon "Chanel"
Clemmon Maddox
Dominique Wilder
Aaron Hamilton

Male Athlete

Michel Miller
Reggie Fuller
Quinton DeSouze
Johnnie Powell

These are the nominees for the 2005 PV Choice Award Show that SGA is hosting on April 25th. Voting will be held in the MSC on Wednesday, April 6th and Thursday, April 7th. All nominees should contact the SGA office (ext. 2220) if you have not received an invitation.

Zane's Addicted keeps reader intrigued

By Lori Mason
Panther Staff

All hail the queen of erotica. The infamous Zane, famous for her sexy titles including *The Sisters of APF*, and *The Sex Chronicles I&II*, always knows how to keep her readers' attention with page turning stories about men and women and their sexual endeavors.

The best selling *Addicted* is book one of a five part series. In *Addicted*, a beautiful, successful wife and mother looks for fulfillment in the arms of other men and another woman.

Zoe Reynard, the mother of three, has all that any woman could ever ask for. She is married to a handsome, successful architect, her childhood boyfriend, Jason Reynard, and they have three beautiful children whom she would do anything for...but she can't seem to stop cheating and lying to the love of her life.

Her first sexual encounter was as a teen with her now husband. After pressuring Jason into having sex with her it

was a disappointment. When they finally married and the kids were born, Zoe set out to find the sex that she had been missing at home.

Her first encounter was with artist Quinton Matthews. After starting the affair with Quinton, her life would never be the same. Being with Quinton showed her sex in a whole new view. He had taught her things that Jason would never try with her at home, so she continued with her secret sex life.

The next victim of Zoe's sexual rampage was a Mr. Tyson Chase. Zoe met Tyson at a local club and swore to herself that she would never get involved with him; that was until she found Quinton in bed with another woman. From then on, Zoe didn't care whose feelings were hurt, as long as she got the satisfaction she needed.

Last but not least was Diamond, the woman Quinton was in bed with. The relationship was nothing and Zoe did all the touching. Even after everything was over with, Zoe was disgusted and regretted the Diamond incident.

During her time of promiscuity, Zoe's psychiatrist, Dr. Marcella Spencer urges her to finally stop the madness and tell

her husband the truth. On her way to do so, Zoe was shocked to see that one of her lovers is telling her husband everything. After a brawl in the streets, Zoe's lover and husband were taken to jail and Jason wants nothing to do with her, until she decides to confess her love for him and jump in front of rush hour traffic.

While at the hospital, Jason is by her side every day. Her mother, Dr. Spencer and Dr. Graham, a sex specialist, work together to find out why Zoe is so addicted. Dr. Graham decides that it is best that Zoe is put under hypnosis to travel back to her childhood to see if she was traumatized. Sure enough Dr. Graham was right and everything came to light.

Zane really outdid herself in this story of love and happiness and pleasure and pain. It was truly a page turner. To stay connected to Dr. Marcella Spencer continue to read the series. Next is *Nervous*, a story of sex, lust, and split personalities. Wait until you see what Zane has in store for you.

P. Diddy to make custom aluminum rims for cars and SUVs

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — At 35, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs has already made his mark as a hip-hop musician, Broadway actor, marathon runner, fashion designer, celebrity boyfriend, gossip column favorite, voter registration booster and all-around entertainment entrepreneur.

Now, the former Puff Daddy is going into the auto parts business — and it's all about the wheels. Combs is joining forces with a Kansas City manufacturer to produce a new line of custom, precision-forged aluminum rims for sports trucks, luxury SUVs and high-end American- and German-made automobiles.

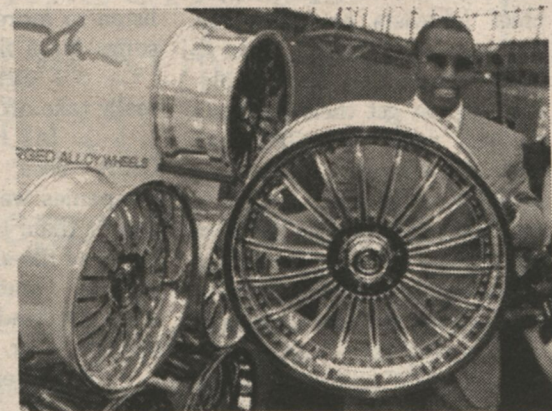
The 50-50 joint venture between Combs' Bad Boy Worldwide Entertainment Group and Kansas City's Weld Wheel Industries Inc. was announced Thursday at the New York International Auto Show. SJC Wheels LLC will produce and sell "Sean John Wheels," named for the entertainer. They hit stores next month, retailing at between \$700 and \$3,000 each.

"Wheels have become a fashion statement badge of taste and style," Combs said. "We see an opportunity to bring excitement to the wheel category by delivering the Sean John sophisticated design with the best quality production."

Partner Greg Weld, the founding president and chief executive of Weld Wheel, said Combs had told him he'd show him how to "bring some sexy" to the wheel business.

Weld, a 61-year-old former auto racing driver who started his wheel manufacturing business in 1970, was a little overwhelmed at the attention attracted by his new partner, marveling at his ability to work a crowd and "build his brand."

"He is an icon in the urban market and the urban market is



P. Diddy holds one of his custom rims.

Campus



Superstar

JODI CHANDLER

Age: 20+

Major: Juvenile Forensic Psychology

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Classification: Graduate senior

Q. Why are you a Campus Super Star?

A. The reason why I feel I am a Campus Super Star is because others view my creative way of thinking, multiple talents, and outgoing personality as a gift from God. One talent that I've been blessed with is producing and directing plays. One of my first successful plays is *The Potter's House*.

Q. What have you contributed to the university?

A. I've contributed myself because I love what I do. I've been working for the university since 1999 in Drew Hall, and now I'm currently an LCM in University College. Since being in UC, I've completed various tasks such as talent shows, and what I love the most is the traditional UC pageant that I've directed for the past four years.

Q. Why do you write gospel plays?

A. I love writing, I love acting, it's a passion. I think that's what I was born to do. I can express myself through writing and my creative thoughts.

Q. What made you want to do this?

A. I've been writing plays and short skits since middle school. When I reached high school I became a member of James Madison Sr. High School drama club. One of the first plays that I acted in was *"Raisin in the Sun."* I was Momma.

Q. Where can we go to see your work?

A. Actually, right now I have a theater company called JC Productions. We've traveled to various churches in the Houston/Austin areas showcasing the upcoming, talented African American actors in the Houston area.

Q. Who inspires you?

A. My parents, Denzel Washington, Spike Lee, Russell Simmons, of course Tyler Perry, and the staff in University College. Last, but not least, God.

Q. What is your career goal?

A. Be a C.E.O. of one of the largest black production companies in the world. I want to get up there with Tyler Perry and others like him. I also want to have a juvenile theater academy for at-risk youth. I'm in the process of establishing a juvenile theater academy known as Black Box Studios.

By Kristina Rogers

Event: Club Miami, Thursday's @ Grasshopper



Crystal Chatman

Atmosphere/crowd:



Music:



Cost:



Location:

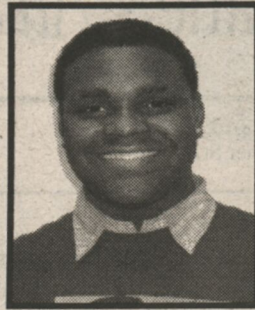


Overall experience:



The phrase "lowered expectations" characterizes my Grasshopper experience. If your ideal of going out entails being in a crowd you can't move through, and being approached by the homeless...then so be it.

THE REVIEW



Trason Smith

Atmosphere/crowd:



Music:



Cost:



Location:



Overall experience:



If you are over age nineteen, you don't need to be there. The environment reminded me of a ghetto babysitter's club.



Woman
By Nikki Giovanni

She wanted to be a blade of grass amid the fields
but he wouldn't agree to be a dandelion

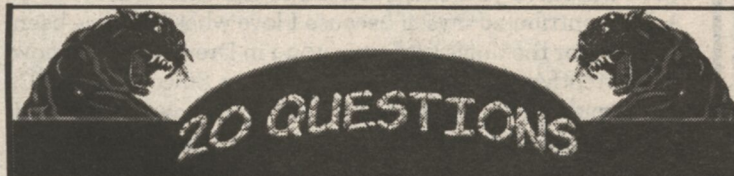
She wanted to be a robin singing through the leaves
but he refused to be a tree

She spun herself into a web and looking for a place to rest
turned to him
but he stood straight declining to be in her corner

She tried to be a book
but he wouldn't read

She turned herself into a bulb
but he wouldn't let her grow

She decided to become a woman and though he still refused
to be a man
she decided it was all right.



1. Why did the Domino's deliveryman get jacked for the heat bag and pizzas while driving out of The Village? 2. Why were his doors unlocked in the first place? 3. First the Sigmas, then the Alphas, now the Ques, are the Dallas boys jumping all the frats? 4. Speaking of the Ques, what four neos failed to make the last two Kappa lines? 5. Who's sick of girls with bad attitudes in closed toe shoes with black rinses? 6. Is it a New Era all over again? 7. Why is there a guest speaker for convocation and we still get a faculty member for graduation? 8. When did Christmas tree ornaments become the new bling? 9. Can the "booksto" learn how to spell? 10. Which AKA got beat up by a KKI? 11. Does a black eye still qualify you to be a pretty girl? 12. Who knew the AKAs could get together and whip somebody's behind? 13. Can grad students leave undergrad life alone? 14. When is Phase III going to pay the cable bill? 15. Why did they have to turn off the lights and hot water? 16. What are they really doing with the rent increase and utility bill money? 17. Buying expensive cars for their management? 18. Who is trying to sell their '86 Lincoln for \$600? 19. What's wrong with it? 20. What do you think?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday: Church @JPAFC 10:45 a.m. Every Sunday: Poetry Night@ Pae- sanos 7 p.m. March 27th-April 2nd: Zeta Phi Beta FINER WOMANHOOD WEEK April 3rd-9th: Kappa Alpha Psi KAPPA WEEK April 3rd: Kappa Alpha Psi Founders Day @ JPAFC 6:11 p.m.	Every Monday: Goodtimes @ Grass- hopper (506 Main) 9 p.m. Alpha Lambda Omega Bible study@ NSB 8 p.m. 4th: Kappa Alpha Psi "The Rise and Demise of the Black Panther Party" @NSB 7:11 p.m.	Every Tuesday: Gamma Phi Delta Bible Study @ JPAFC 7 p.m.-9 p.m. 5th: Kappa Alpha Psi "Kappa Kookout" @ Student Park 5:11 p.m. Alpha Phi Alpha In- formational @ Banks 6:30 p.m. Rho Chi Psi "Ups and Downs of Owning and Working For A Small Business" @ Banks 6p.m.	Every Wednes- day: CAB Hump Day on the Hill @ MSC 12 p.m. 30th: Phi Beta Sigma "Lady of the Dove" @ MSC 7 p.m. Zeta Phi Beta Semi- nar @ UVIII 7:20 p.m. 6th: Kappa Alpha Psi Prayer Circle @ MSC 11:30 a.m. Club Flava "Fashion Show" @MSC 7 p.m. Omega Psi Phi "Po- etry Night" @ MSC 7:11 p.m. Epsilon Gamma Iota party @ MSC 9 p.m.	31st: Gamma Sigma Sigma "Searching for Success" @ NSB 6 p.m. Epsilon Gamma Iota Informational Semi- nar @Engineering Complex 6 p.m. Zeta Phi Beta Poetry Night@ UVCIII 7:20 p.m. 7th: Kappa Alpha Psi "Toga Party" @ Frat House 9:11 p.m. Delta Sigma Theta "Political Awareness Seminar" @ NSB 7:13 p.m. Iota Phi Theta Pro- gram@ Delco 7:50 p.m.	Every Friday: The Heist@ The Vault (723 Main) 6 p.m. 1st: Alpha Lambda Omega Faithful Friday Outreach @ UVII 6 p.m. 8th: TEXAS RELAYS AUSTIN	Every Saturday: Mahogany Soul Suite @ Clarks (314 Main) 9 p.m. 9th: Alpha Phi Alpha (Del- ta Theta) Icebreaker Stepshow @ TSU Sawyer Auditorium 6:30 p.m. Omega Psi Phi (Eta Theta/UT) Greek Ground Control Step Show@ Connally High School Perfo- mance Hall 7:11 p.m. TEXAS RELAYS AUSTIN

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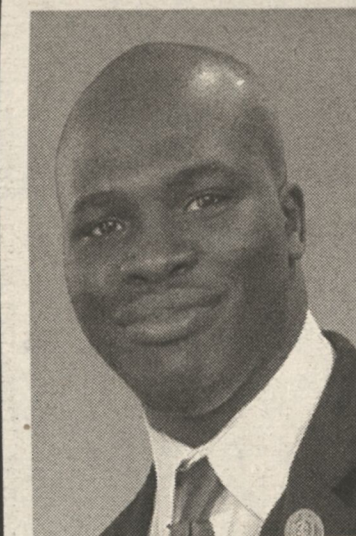
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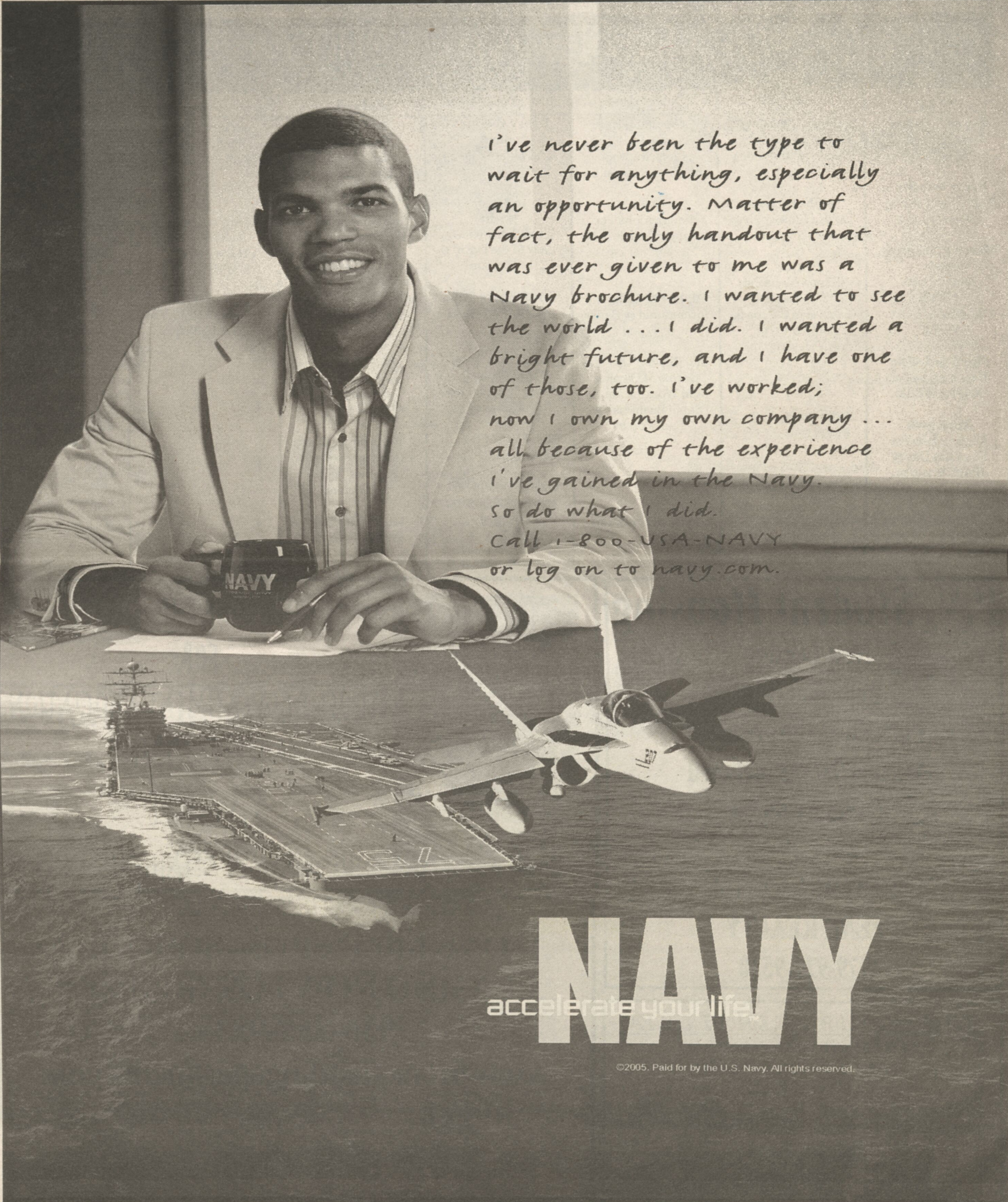
Entertainment groups predict more movies, songs over Internet

By Ted Bridis
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The music and film industries will continue to offer digital copies of songs and movies online for a price even if they lose a landmark Supreme Court case focusing on consumers who steal copyrighted material over the Internet, those industries' chief lobbyists said Monday. "Consumers want a legal, hassle-free, reasonable-cost way to get their products online," said Dan Glickman, head of the Motion Picture Association of America. "There's no question you'll see a lot more opportunity for people in their homes to enjoy music and movies and other creative material." Glickman and Mitch Bainwol, chief executive of the

Recording Industry Association of America, met with editors from The Associated Press on the eve of arguments in the upcoming Supreme Court case, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios v. Grokster. Regardless of the case's outcome, Bainwol predicted a rise among Internet music-subscription services, which permit consumers to listen to more than 1 million songs for a flat monthly fee. "Subscriptions will really take off," Bainwol said. In the Supreme Court case, entertainment companies want the court to permit them to sue manufacturers of file-sharing software popular among computer users for trading music and movies over the Internet. Lower U.S. courts

have twice ruled that such file-sharing software can be used for "substantial" legal purposes, such as giving away free songs, free software or government documents. Citing a 1984 case, they reasoned that gave the software's manufacturer protection from copyright lawsuits based on acts by their customers. The lower court rulings effectively shielding the manufacturers of file-sharing software have compelled entertainment companies to sue thousands of people caught illegally distributing songs and movies over the Internet. "There's no question it's far more efficient and far more sensible to go after the people whose business is built on infringement," said Cary Sherman, the president of the recording industry association.



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